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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Mail Stop: Amendment**
Hirokazu YAMAMOTO et al. : Patent Art Unit: 2854
Serial No. 10/707,105 : Examiner: Nguyen Q Ha
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For: ABNORMALITY MANAGEMENT
DEVICE FOR AN IMAGE FORMING
DEVICE, ABNORMALITY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND
PROGRAM FOR THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached reference listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application. *A copy of the non-U.S. patent is attached.* Further, Applicants have included a copy of the Japanese Office Action issued in the corresponding Japanese application citing the reference.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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